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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Governmental Funds and Supplemental Information
September 30, 2002**

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



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July 24, 2003

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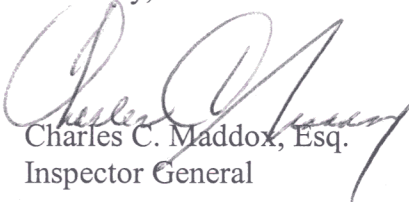
Dear Mayor Williams and Chairman Cropp:

I have received the enclosed Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental Funds and Supplemental Information (with Independent Auditor's Report Thereon) of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002. The independent auditor opined that the Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents fairly, in all material respects, the original budget, final budget and actual revenues, expenditures and other sources/uses of the DCPS, which represents a portion of the District of Columbia's General Fund and Federal and Private Resource Fund, for the year ended September 30, 2002.

Within a few weeks, we will issue a report prepared by KPMG, which provides information about DCPS' compliance with laws and regulations and the adequacy of internal controls. The report also will recommend actions to improve DCPS operations.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me directly, or have your staff contact William J. DiVello, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at (202) 727-2540.

Sincerely,


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Inspector General

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of the Board of Education
of the District of Columbia:

We have audited the accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental Funds of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), which represents a portion of the District of Columbia's General Fund and Federal & Private Resources Fund, for the year ended September 30, 2002. This schedule is the responsibility of the DCPS's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this schedule based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental Funds is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental Funds. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall schedule presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in note 1, the schedule presents only the DCPS's original budget, final budget and actual revenues, expenditures and other sources/uses, which is not a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of the District of Columbia Public Schools or the District of Columbia. Furthermore, the accompanying schedule presents only a portion of the District of Columbia's General Fund and Federal & Private Resources Fund and it does not purport to, and does not, present the financial position or changes in financial position of the District of Columbia Public Schools or the District of Columbia as of September 30, 2002.

In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental Funds, presents fairly, in all material respects, the original budget, final budget and actual revenues, expenditures and other sources/uses of the DCPS, which represents a portion of the District of Columbia's General Fund and Federal & Private Resources Fund, for the year ended September 30, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.





Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental Funds. The Schedule of Expenditures – Budget and Actual – Governmental Funds – Organization is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not part of the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental Funds. The Schedule of Expenditures – Budget and Actual – Governmental Funds– Organization has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental Funds and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental Funds taken as a whole.

KPMG LLP

January 24, 2003